

Request for Information (RFI) and Response
Solicitation: VA-248-12-919
Project: 675-12-137
Title: Complete Domestic Water Loop-Phase II
RFI: 11-10

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RFI NBR	Question Response	Vendor	Received
11.	Regarding RFI Reponse to question #10 posted in Amendment 2 to the subject solicitation, please clarify: is the offeror is to include buildings 3126, 3127, 3128, 3129, 3130, 3132, 3133, 3134, 3135 and all of the modular buildings in the secondary water loop for potable water service only? Or should we include provisions for fire service also?	BlueForge, LLC	03/16/2012
Response	Answer: Yes Potable water only. No fire Service.		
12.	Please confirm that it is the VA's intent to provide secondary potable water backup as well as supply to firemain to buildings 500-522 (since they already have fire main backflow preventer and I assume fireline service)	BlueForge, LLC	03/16/2012
Response	Answer: Yes, Simply the existing supply for potable water and fire service is in place, but we need to have a secondary means for back up in case of lost service to the primary source.		
13.	Do the as-builts and/or utility atlases show locations for all backflow preventers, meters and Siamese connections?	BlueForge, LLC	03/16/2012
Response	Answer: Yes, there are several plans available that have most of that information.		
14.	Reference your response to RFI question #6 from Amendment 1: Is it the VA's intent for the design build contractor include the reference 4 day / 7 day secondary supply system under this contract since it does not currently exist at the subject facility?	BlueForge, LLC	03/16/2012
Response	Answer: No. This has been looked at several times for a future project and each time it has been decided that it's not needed in our case.		
15.	Factor 2, subfactor (4) requires the offeror to "Submit copy of current, valid Architect's License issued by any United States federal, state, or local government agency for Architectural Contractor, who will be of record." However, Page 12 (project requirements) Paragraph E(1) indicates that "The DB A/E who prepares the construction documents shall be a professional architect or engineer licensed in the state in which the design work is completed. " Since this is primarily a civil engineering design project with little to no architectural design component, PLEASE CONFIRM THAT A LICENSED ENGINEERING FIRM WILL SATISFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT STATED IN FACTOR 2, SUBFACTOR 4 (WHICH SPECIFIES ARCHITECTURAL).	BlueForge, LLC	03/20/2012
Response	A LICENSED ENGINEERING FIRM WILL SATISFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT STATED IN FACTOR 2,		

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	SUBFACTOR4 (WHICH SPECIFIES ARCHITECTURAL)		
16.	Regarding Factor 3, Past Performance (page 21) - Please clarify if the solicitation requires a Maximum of 3 project references for both paragraphs 1 and 2 or if each paragraph is distinct. Also, Paragraph 2 requires offeror to 'identify a maximum of 3 projects, from each of the three separate experience categories'; does that mean 3 total (from all 3 categories) or up to 9 (up to 3 from each category)? Please clarify	BlueForge, LLC	03/20/2012
Response	The paragraph is clarified to reflect a maximum of 3 references/examples per category or a total of 9 (up to 3 from each category).		
17.	Technical Proposal Format for Phase I (page 18) requires inclusion of 'TAB E: Past Safety and Environmental Record' and 'TAB G: Experience Modification Safety Record'; please indicate if offeror can combine TABs (since both encompass similar/overlapping information) into a single 'TAB E'.	BlueForge, LLC	03/20/2012
Response	Offeror shall not combine the information into a single tab. Information shall be provided in separate tabs.		
18.	<p>After reviewing the Phase I Criteria (d) Factor 3: Past Performance and Experience) found on page 21 of 193, we found it to be slightly confusing as it pertains to the number of projects/references we can submit as part of our proposal response. Paragraph (1) defines relevancy and recency for the projects and states to “submit a Maximum of 3 references.” Paragraph (2) directs us to “identify a maximum of 3 projects from each of the following Experience categories.” The sub-paragraphs then discuss each of those categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-paragraph (a), Team Experience, gives direction for examples to submit for (i) Constructor/Key Subs and/or Designer and (ii) Joint Ventures & Teaming Arrangements. • Sub-paragraph (b) says to provide examples of projects for Prime Contractor Experience. • Sub-paragraph (c) says to provide examples of projects for Design Firm(s). <p>We originally interpreted the guidelines for Factor 3 to mean we could only submit a maximum of 3 projects but the more we read it, it almost sounds like we could submit up to 12 projects (the 3 in paragraph (1) and the 3 from “each” of the categories identified in paragraph (2).</p> <p>Request the Government clarify how many projects can be submitted to satisfy the requirements for Factor 3 for the proposal response.</p>	CPS	03/20/2012

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Response	(2) Indentify a maximum of 3 projects <u>from the each</u> of the following Experience categories (individual projects may represent <u>any or all</u> categories listed below): The total for all three categories shall not exceed nine (9) references. Projects shall be recent and relevant. Specifically; (a) Team Experience: Identify a maximum of three (3) projects that the designer and (Prime) contractor have contractually teamed together. (b) Prime Contractor Experience: Identify a maximum of three (3) projects. (c) Design Firm Experience: Identify a maximum of three (3) projects.		